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Problem raised refuel has not thus far been dealt with specifically in contingency planning which has been directed threat presented by Soviets to withdraw from their quadripartite responsibilities and substitute GDR personnel. Possible sector boundary closing might occur contemporaneous with turnover control access routes GDR. Such closing, which would have many essential aspects blockade, would create problem analogous to and intermeshed with that involved if GDR were to take measures curtail or choke off traffic between East and West Germany. Sector boundary problem therefore merely a facet general problem our reaction unilateral effort SOV/GDR change existing arrangements. As delegation aware, contingency plans have envisaged possible reference such unilateral SOV/GDR action UN or International Court depending evaluation situation as it develops. Would appear possible in such planning insert appropriate reference difficulties arising illegal closing sector boundary. We are studying question further.

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